

I-81/MD 68 PARK AND RIDE



TYPE OF PROJECT: Construction of new Park and Ride facility

WHERE: At the I-81/MD 68 Interchange south of Williamsport in Washington County (I-81 exit 1 - southwest quadrant)

WHEN: *Status:* Preparing to begin construction
Estimated start date: September 3, 2013
Estimated completion: Spring 2014

WHY: The project will help meet the demand for additional ridesharing facilities in the area. Ridesharing helps commuters save money, reduces congestion and helps protect the environment. The Park and Ride will provide a safer and larger-capacity replacement for an informal gravel parking lot that several commuters have been using at this location.

The Park and Ride will also have nine overnight-only truck parking spaces to help meet the need for overnight truck parking along I-81.

PROJECT INCLUDES:

- Construction of a one-acre Park and Ride with 42 car parking spaces, nine overnight truck parking spaces and bicycle parking.
- Reconstruction of adjacent shoulder
- Realignment of the final 200 feet of the spur from southbound I-81 to eastbound MD 68
- Reconfiguration of the MD 68 median
- Widening the shoulders on MD 68 in the project area for bicycle compatibility
- Installation of energy-efficient LED lighting
- Signs and pavement markings
- Grading and drainage-related work

COST: \$1.5 million

IMPACTS DURING CONSTRUCTION:

The small existing parking area at this interchange will be unavailable during construction. Those using the lot may wish to consider the Park and Ride at either the I-81/MD 56 (Salem Avenue – I-81 Exit 7) interchange or the I-70/MD 632 (Downsville Pike – I-70 Exit 28) interchange as alternatives during construction.

Motorists should anticipate shoulder closures, lane shifts, and daytime single-lane closures on MD 68. A temporary overnight ramp closure with a detour may be scheduled for the I-81 exit 1 off-ramp later in the project. Please stay alert and use caution when traveling through the work zone.

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